

CLERK: Read Lewis motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well Mr. President, we are on limited time and this again relates to an innocuous bill that I started with on behalf of the Sarpy County Deputy Sheriffs, which was taken up by my good friends from the north, so we have a year to deal with this. I would simply like to move the bill back to Select File and leave it there. The election year is next year, not this year, and Senator Hoagland and I know that we could probably work out something because we are both agreeable people and I think that, sorry Senator Hoagland is not here, I didn't intend to do that while he was gone. That is not my move, but I would appreciate it if you would just bring it back and leave it there and I would not attempt to strike the amendment this time but it would be a carry over.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is, Senator Wesely your light is on. Do you want to speak to the....The motion is to return LB 484 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Sieck, your light is on.

SENATOR SIECK: Senator Lewis, Hoagland and I sponsored the amendment. I would like to have you explain why you want to strike it.

SENATOR LEWIS: Basically what I am trying to do so I don't deceive anybody is I am simply trying to delay this until the next session and we can simply take it back to Select File and negotiate out at that time how we can handle it. Peter and I have talked about this a couple of times about how we can accommodate both ways. So, I simply ask that you bring it back and then I will not move the adoption of the amendment today at all. It will be there next January as a surprise...poised in position long before any election process.

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, I will address a question to Senator Hoagland. Do you agree with Senator Lewis?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It is my understanding Senator Sieck that if we don't act on the bill this year that the existing prohibition on political activity will stay in effect. In other words the existing statute which prohibits deputies from any political activity at all will continue to be the law. Now I think that is too extensive. We ought to permit them to have a broader range than that. I don't think what Senator Lewis is proposing is unreasonable if it means we can work this out next year.